

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1991-92

During the past year, the Institute has enjoyed a wide ranging series of lectures held at the Nova Scotia Museum. The topics for the year were as follows:

- October: Schizophrenia, Epilepsy, and Changes in Neuronal Gene Expression  
Professor Harold Robertson, Dept. of Pharmacology,  
Dalhousie University
- November: Awareness of Industrial Ergonomics in Nova Scotia  
Professor Biman Das., Technical University of Nova Scotia
- December: Singing on a Light-Beam: Trans-Atlantic Fibre Optic  
Telecommunication  
Professor Barry Paton, Dept. of Physics, Dalhousie University
- January: Properties of Matter: From Fudge to Photocopying  
Professor Mary Anne White, Dept. of Chemistry,  
Dalhousie University
- February: Three Kingdoms: The Earliest Stages in Cellular Evolution  
Professor W. Ford Doolittle, Dept. of Biochemistry,  
Dalhousie University
- March: The "Health" of Our Ocean  
Dr. R.F. Addison, Bedford Institute of Oceanography
- April: The Prince Edward Island "Fixed" Link  
Director, Northumberland Strait Crossing Project

The attendance at the meetings was good, averaging somewhat over thirty per meeting.

Another important means of communication for the Institute is the written word. Your Editor's Report has reviewed the publication of the Proceedings of the Institute, and the Librarian has reported concerning our collection which is held at the Science Library at Dalhousie University. The Staff there are very protective of our collection, and I would like to acknowledge their support.

The Institute has entered into negotiations with NRC with regard to acquiring and circulating, on a cost recovery basis, their computer data base on the availability of fungal isolates and cultures in Canada.

Over the course of the past year the Council of the Institute has discussed our membership numbers on several occasions. In that regard, we have laid the foundation for a membership drive during the forthcoming year. The recommendations of the current Council will be presented to you as the next item of business on the agenda of this Annual Meeting. In addition, the Institute has maintained close contact with the Science Teachers of Nova Scotia and expect to add one of their members to the Institute's Council.

During the Province-wide Science and Technology Week in October of this year, the Institute will be sponsoring a special public lecture in addition to our regular meeting. This will be held immediately prior to the commencement of the Nova Scotia Science Teachers Inservice gathering so as to be readily accessible to them as well as the general public.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the Nova Scotia Museum who continue to provide us with financial support for the Proceedings and to provide meeting space for us.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Institute's Council who have consistently given of their time and energy in supporting the Institute during the year. As a result of their cooperation, I have had an enjoyable period as President.

David Goble

**NOVA SCOTIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS OF MARCH 31, 1991**

**ASSETS:**

Current Account	(\$17.63)	
Savings Account	\$2,390.47	
Wood Gundy Account	\$258.86	
Petty Cash	<u>\$42.59</u>	
TOTAL CASH		\$2,674.29
INVESTMENTS		<u>\$31,736.19</u> \$34,410.48
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		<u>\$1,304.56</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$35,715.04</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$3,178.85
DEFERRED REVENUE		\$30.60
PERMANENT FUND	\$3,550.14	
SURPLUS AS OF APRIL 1/89	\$27,942.31	
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)	<u>\$1,013.14</u>	\$32,505.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		<u>\$35,715.04</u>

**INVESTMENTS:**

Maturing Dec. 9/92 @ 10.5%	\$1,000.00	
Maturing April 12/91 @ 8.95%	<u>\$30,736.19</u>	
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